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Portion of Santa Barbara Ranger District Closed Due to Fire Emergency

GOLETA – In order to provide for public safety and protect Los Padres National Forest lands, a closure order has been issued that restricts public entry onto lands, roads and trails in the Santa Barbara Ranger District until the Jesusita Fire is fully suppressed.

The closure order encompasses all National Forest System lands in the front country above Montecito, Santa Barbara and Goleta, where approximately 2,000 acres of National Forest System lands were burned during the Jesusita Fire. The closure extends from Refugio Road (Forest Road 5N19) on the west to Cold Springs Trail (Forest Trail 26W10) on the east, and from West Camino Cielo (Forest Road 5N19) and East Camino Cielo (Forest Road 5N12) on the north to the Congressional boundary of the Los Padres National Forest on the south. The closure includes all lands owned by the United States and administered by the Los Padres National Forest and bounded by the landmarks described above.

The closure prohibits all public entry to National Forest System lands, trails, roads and recreation sites. The closure does not apply to private land within the closure area.

A map and description of the emergency closure is available on-line at http://www.inciweb.org/ or on the Los Padres website at http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres/. Information is available by calling the Los Padres National Forest headquarters at (805) 968-6640 or the Los Prietos Ranger Station at (805) 967-3481.

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